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ON THE CAMPUS

My, we've been busy these last few weeks, learning names and finding which faces belong with them! Not only have we the names of the largest Freshman class in many years to learn, but also those of new students who are in other classes and of former students visiting on the campus.

Lt. (j.g.) and Mrs. Jesse Humbert and their small daughter Lenora-Ann stopped in to see us in time for the head of the family to speak in chapel. Lt. Humbert has made an outstanding record in the Navy, which reminds us Bryanites again that what we learn here will enable us to stand without shame alongside the graduates of much larger schools. How we praise the Lord for this!

But, to go back to those new faces, about the time we started calling the new students by everything but their right names, the sophomores came to our rescue by hanging name signs around the necks of the freshmen. We settled down with a sigh of relief, only to have the sophomores mix us up worse than before, by making the freshmen so unrecognizable that if we did get the names right, there was nothing with which to associate them but a pair of eyes and a mouth

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ORGANIZE FOR POST-WAR PROGRESS

Official announcement of the reelection of Major D. W. Ryther as Vice-President and Dean, and other recent changes in the administrative organization, was made by President Rudd in the morning chapel service on October the eleventh.

Major Ryther spent most of his time in the Army with the Headquarters Staff of the XIII Corps, until released recently on terminal leave. He had been in Europe and was scheduled for Japan when the war ended. Appreciation was expressed to Major Ryther for his faithful service and for representing the University Administrative Staff in the Armed Forces of our country.

The By-Laws of the University specify that the Vice-President is to perform all the duties of the President in the latter's absence, so Major Ryther is officially designated as First Vice-President and Dean, and Professor Lloyd E. Fish is designated as Second Vice-President and Treasurer. President Rudd called attention to this, and recognized Miss Alma Rader as Dean of Women and Professor Norman Uphouse as Dean of

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OUR POST-WAR CHALLENGE

To date, Bryan University has been but a "baby" college. The war undoubtedly marks a new epoch for Bryan University as well as for the world at large. This is a time of transition for the University from infancy and childhood to the vigor and growth of youth. God helping us, we step out and forward into the larger world of opportunities and usefulness.

On the threshold of this new period in the life of the William Jennings Bryan University, we take an inventory of our resources and the opportunities which challenge us. Of primary importance is a staff of trained, experienced and vigorous men and women who have proved themselves in the fires of adversity. With the end of the war other well-qualified staff members are available. Next in importance is a select group of students, who are at Bryan because they have presented their bodies to God as living sacrifices and because they believe that God has chosen this as His place of training for them. These eighty-one students come from seventeen states and represent the finest of American Christian Youth. They are a reminder of the larger number who plan to attend Bryan and other definitely Christian colleges. We cannot close our eyes to the fact that discerning young people are looking for something more substantial than a godless education.

Then, with a fine building well started, with around twelve thousand dollars cash in the Building Fund, and with more money in the hands of contributing friends, we are materially in position for larger things. The war having ended, materials and labor should be much more available in the spring of 1946: we should be able to finish another unit of construction providing space for at least forty more students at the opening of the 1946-47 school year. Truly, opportunity knocks at our door.

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God Above All

THE NEWSETTE

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LET'S GET ACQUAINTED WITH THE FACULTY

Rev. Norman B. Uphouse

As it "contends for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints," Bryan University recognizes its responsibility in maintaining a staff of Christian teachers who will uphold its firm belief in the inspired Word of God and support its standard of Christian living and testimony. We do praise God for Bible teachers in the past whose ministry has been the nucleus for this outreach of expression among Bryan students, and we are likewise glad that the Lord has provided Bible teachers again this year, whose love for God and His Word has already been made known to us.

Having left his pastorate at the N. Riverdale Brethren Church in Dayton, Ohio, Rev. Norman Uphouse, with his wife and daughter, joined the Bryan staff this year as head of the Bible Department. He holds the Bachelor of Arts degree from Ashland College, Bachelor of Theology degree from Ashland Theological Seminary, and the Master of Theology degree from Pittsburgh-Xenia Seminary. In addition, he has completed his resident work for a Master of Arts degree from the University of Dayton (Ohio). Having also served as a pastor for nine years, Mr. Uphouse comes to Bryan well qualified to give instruction in the Bible courses. Two courses in philosophy that have been added to the curriculum this year are included in his teaching responsibilities as well. His lectures, supported by a fund of research material, have encouraged the students in their quest for knowledge of the Bible and its related subjects.

Since Mr. Uphouse has manifested his interest in the missionary activities of the school through the presentation of the Gospel to the people in nearby communities, he has been

STAFF MEMBERS

As we begin another school year, we can again look to the Lord with thanksgiving that He has provided those of His choosing to join in the carrying on of His work at Bryan University.

Elsewhere in the NEWSETTE announcement is made concerning the return of D. W. Ryther, who has been connected with the University since its beginning in 1930. After serving three years in the Armed Forces, Mr. Ryther returns as Vice-President and Dean. Miss Alma Rader, who served as Dean of Women and Instructor in Bible several years ago, returns to the University staff in the same capacity.

New Staff members are Mrs. George Birch, assistant to the treasurer; Mrs. Ruth I. Morrow, piano; Prof. Paul D. Stock, voice, violin and other instruments; Prof. Robert Shirley, mathematics and science; Mrs. Robert Shirley, assistant to the dietitian; Dean (of men) Norman Uphouse, Bible and philosophy; Mrs. Norman Uphouse, counselor and school nurse; Florence Monck, student instructor, Spanish.

The staff members of the past year returning to their duties are: President Judson A. Rudd; Acting Dean Arne Ahlman, French and history; Beatrice E. Batson, English and history; Vice-President and Treasurer Lloyd E. Fish, psychology and Greek; Mrs. Lloyd E. Fish, office manager; Mrs. Louise Garber, dietitian; Rebecca M. Peck, registrar and commercial subjects; Janet A. Webb, librarian and art; Rev. Paul Zimmerman, extension and promotion.

We do thank the Lord for the evidence of His blessing in providing such a fine group of efficient and spiritual staff members, who are enthusiastic about their work and happy in the place of His calling.

In this and subsequent issues of NEWSETTE will appear articles regarding the individual staff members.

selected chairman of the committee to direct students in the work of the Christian Service Association. Staff members and students join in appreciative recognition of his love for the Lord and of his assistance in the training of young people at Bryan for their place in the Lord's work.

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In the past our progress has been obstructed by financial limitations. We have not been able to avail ourselves of the economies of a proportionately larger student body as compared to the staff. A generous taste of what can be accomplished on a larger scale spurs us on to share these blessings with more choice young people. Both staff members and contributors will be far better satisfied when we are more completely fulfilling God's plan for us. We have enlarged our staff. We are organizing our staff and planning to meet the post-war challenge. Will you, who are our partners through your prayers and gifts, meet the challenge of the post-war years by *regular, systematic, praying and giving?*

FROM THE DEAN'S DESK

Bryan University is becoming a "university" (in its original meaning) if the cosmopolitan character of its student body is any indication. This year the students come from seventeen different states and one foreign country. The states are Tennessee, Florida, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey, Illinois, Virginia, Indiana, Iowa, Washington, West Virginia, Alabama, Colorado, Minnesota, Missouri, Georgia, and Michigan. The foreign country is Africa. The enrollment has increased 28.5 per cent, with 18 more students than last year. With a larger representation among states comes an increase in the number of church denominations represented. There are twenty-two distinct Christian groups represented on the campus this year. The differences are minimized, however, in the fellowship that only born-again ones can know.

COMMONER STAFF CHOSEN

The following members of the junior class have been elected to serve as members of the staff of the University yearbook, the 1946 COMMONER:

Editor, Elaine Kennard; assistant editor, Mary Lisec; photograph editor, Hazel Nell Geiger; business manager, Bruce Rosenau; circulation manager, LaVerne Howland.

WHEN WILL CONSTRUCTION START?

For more than a year we have felt a tremendous urge to resume construction on the main Memorial Building. We have mentioned this over and over again, using the words NOW and IMMEDIATELY, so that many of our friends share this anxiety with us. Many of you are beginning to wonder why nothing has been done on this larger project, so we owe an explanation, because enough money is available to make a good start.

In previous years we have been able to secure good workmen at reasonable wages, but since construction was started by the Clinton Engineering Works on the huge Atomic Bomb Plant at Oak Ridge, Government buses have been taking the better workmen from this area for work on that project. The men, we formerly used, work at Oak Ridge or have steady employment in Dayton and Chattanooga factories. Even by offering higher wages, we could not employ them under selective service regulations. Available workmen are not dependable and require too much supervision. We have waited weeks and even months on local contractors to do the smaller repair and construction jobs. Men students have been used for most of the work that has been done, but we have fewer of them, and, as pre-theological students, they had to be enrolled for summer school courses under selective service regulations.

The end of the war has not yet eased the situation. Numerous smaller projects have been started, but all are having their difficulties in competing for the available labor. Lumber of poor quality and at higher prices will be used until the Government stops shipments to Europe.

Contractors, bankers, and business men are generally agreed that next February or March is the logical time to start the larger construction projects, when materials and labor should be more available. Contractors are somewhat reluctant to start the larger projects at the beginning of the cold and rainy season of the year, when the days are so short.

Vice-President Fish, who has been laboring over the blue prints, making up lists of materials, supervising the work of others as he worked, all on top of his regular responsibilities as Treasurer-Business Manager, is very reluctant to postpone the beginning

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Men, explaining that both he, the President, and Major Ryther will be gone at times on promotional work.

Appreciation was expressed to all staff members serving during the difficult war-time years, and particularly to Vice-President Fish and Acting-Dean Ahlman. Responsibility for a continuous building program will rest very largely on Vice-President Fish. Prof. Ahlman will continue to help with the Dean's work, particularly when Major Ryther is away.

ALUMNI NOTES

Lewis Llewellyn, '38, has been honored for his business and executive abilities through promotion to the position of Personnel Director of the Graybar Electric Company. For his Christian testimony he finds expression as Chairman of the Christian Business Men's Committee of Bloomfield and suburban Essex, New Jersey.

Recent communications from Ralph and Rebecca Toliver, '37 and '38, tell of their plans for furlough beginning March 1, after more than seven years of service under the China Inland Mission.

After spending more than a year in the business world of Washington, D. C., Jean Neff, '44, has joined those engaged in full-time Christian service. She is associated with the Children's Bible Mission and is living in Elkton, Virginia, where she works among the colored children in their schools.

It was an unforeseen leading of the Lord, as Hazel Waller, '43, wrote, that directed her this fall to the Missionary Medical Institute in Toronto, Canada. She is taking this further step toward missionary work in China with the China Inland Mission.

of actual construction. Others of us, most familiar with the situation, feel that he should be given several months, if necessary, to surmount these tremendous obstacles that we have as a small but growing institution. In the meantime, we should raise the money for operating expenses and a much larger sum for the building project. With sufficient money, we can better overcome present future problems of building construction. Faith is tested to prove and strengthen our faith. With unwavering faith our praying and giving will not be interrupted.

CLASS OFFICERS

The four classes have elected the following to serve as officers for the ensuing year:

Senior Class: President, Edward Miller; vice-president, Ralph Gibson; secretary-treasurer, Mildred Baldwin; student council representatives, Betty Birch and Edward Miller; sponsor, Major D. W. Ryther.

Junior Class: President, Bruce Rosenau; vice-president, Josephine Jenkins; secretary, LaVerne Howland; treasurer, Ruth Kuhn; student council representatives, Bruce Rosenau and Angie Garber; sponsor, Miss Beatrice Batson.

Sophomore Class: President, Dale Mead; vice-president, Gerald Teeter; secretary, Ella Lee Hall; treasurer, Helen Gow; student council representatives, Lena Mead and Earle Peer; sponsors, Professor and Mrs. Robert Shirley.

Freshman Class: President, Eskle Baker; vice-president, Robert Rosenau; secretary, Anna Lee Drake; treasurer, Rankin Tyler; sponsors, Professor and Mrs. Norman Uphouse.

ANNUAL FRESHMAN RECEPTION

With the playing of soft music, introductions were in order at the Annual Freshman Reception on Thursday evening, September 20, as one by one the new students were presented to each staff member by a member of the senior class.

Introductions were followed by a word of welcome to the new students from President Rudd, and responding to this welcome was freshman George Westrom. One member from each class offered greetings to the new students, and President Rudd recognized each new staff member.

A program of both a spiritual and classical nature provided the entertainment for the evening. A girls' quartet, consisting of Miss LaVerne Howland, Miss Hazel Nell Geiger, Miss Catherine Marshall, and Miss Vivian McBride, rendered two selections and Miss Mildred Baldwin contributed a piano solo. A humorous dialogue was presented by Miss Helen Parden and Miss Helen Gow. The evening was ended with the serving of refreshments. — A.W.

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peeping out of a layer of cold cream. On top of that great, long stockings, used as caps, made blondes, brunettes, and red heads melt into the same personage: a freshman.

One sunny morning we found the freshmen had become so energetic that they had persuaded the sophomores to take them out to clean the tennis court!

The most strenuous, yet proportionately enjoyable event of Freshman Week, was the hike to Buzzard's Point, led by Major Ryther. The last event was a campfire service given to the freshmen by the sophomores. Following stunts by the freshmen and refreshments, Prof. Uphouse led a very impressive "fagot" consecration service, participated in by most of the students and staff members. Until he experiences it himself, one cannot realize the thrill of seeing so many young people offer themselves as "living sacrifices."—E. K.



NEW ARRIVALS

"Lo, Children are an heritage of the Lord. . ."

Sylvia Carol Toliver was born on October 10 to Ralph, '37, and Rebecca, '38, Toliver at the Baptist Hospital in Suifu, China.

Philip Dwane Lance was born Oct. 13 to Forest, ex 45, and Charlotte, ex 47, Lance Winona Lake, Ind.

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL BIBLE CONFERENCE

Speakers for the eight-day Bible Conference being held the week of October 28th are Mr. Harold M. Harper of Stelton, New Jersey, and Mrs. J. W. McKinney of Memphis, Tennessee. Mr. Harper will speak in the morning and evening meetings, and Mrs. McKinney in the afternoon meetings, scheduled particularly for the women of Dayton.

Mr. Harper, Director of the Victory Center at Camp Kilmer, has been largely used of God in his ministry for the soldiers leaving for and returning from Europe. A graduate of the Moody Bible Institute, Mr. Harper is known by his many friends in the North and East as a forceful, scriptural evangelist and Bible teacher. Mrs. McKinney, a University trustee, has for years been one of the main teachers for a Wednesday morning Interdenominational Bible Class attended by a large number of women of Memphis. Women make up a large proportion of our student body this year, and we hope that they will get a vision of the possibilities in afternoon and evening Bible classes for the women of urban areas.

On week-day mornings, Mr. Harper will use Bible book studies for the ten o'clock services in the University Chapel, and he will give a series of Bible biographical studies in the (7:30 P. M.) evening services, held in the various churches of Dayton. Mrs. McKinney will give

a series of messages each afternoon (at 2:30) on Bible types: The Lamb, the Manna, the Serpent, the Smitten Rock, and others.

ACCEPTS CHALLENGE

We wish to announce that Mrs. Joseph F. Cannon has also accepted Dr. Rhule's challenge by contributing \$200.00 to the Building Fund. We take this means of thanking her and of again expressing our appreciation for the faithfulness of other contributors.

ANOTHER CHALLENGE

I (H. H. Rhule) promise to make the William Jennings Bryan University the beneficiary of a \$1,000.00 Life Insurance Policy, on condition that at least fifteen other person will do the same. These persons can be officers of the school, trustees, staff members, members of the Advisory Committee, or any business men who are interested in the school.

H. H. Rhule.

PLANT AND PROPERTY FUND REPORT

(September)

Balance (September 1st)	\$12,109.62
Building Fund Receipts	
Nos. 41-56	261.50
5% of Gift Income	47.28
Total	\$12,418.40
Less expenditures	922.20
Balance on hand	\$11,496.20

Dear Folks:

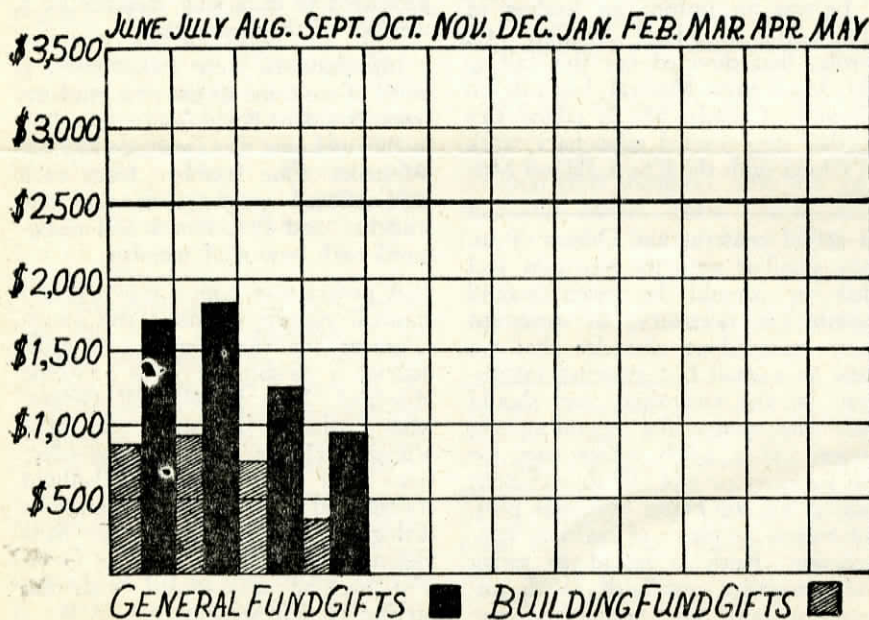
I've had a long vacation, haven't I? But now President Rudd insists in no uncertain terms that I get back on the job. He thinks I am responsible for the drop in gift income these past few months.

Folks, we must put our shoulders to the wheel and push that black line back up where it belongs. Some can give; all can pray. Will you help?

Gratefully,

Sam

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